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LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

August 13, 2008

Re: League Motion before COAH

Dear Mayor:

Today, the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) heard and denied the League's motion for a limited stay of the December 31, 2008 deadline to submit a 3rd round plan.

COAH's denial was anticipated. The League will now appeal this decision to the Courts, and again seek a limited stay of the December 31st deadline. If granted, it will allow municipalities to continue to satisfy their affordable housing obligations by imposing obligations on developers. The purpose of the stay is to prevent municipalities from again expending significant financial resources into plans when the regulations are being challenged, already being proposed for change by the agency and further regulations will be required in light of the approval of A-500.

If your municipality has not pledged towards our efforts, but would like to, please see the pledge form online at: <http://www.njslom.org/COAH-3rd-round-pledge.pdf>

Additionally, COAH approved its third round regulations at its May meeting, and simultaneously adopted proposed amendments to those regulations. These proposed amendments were published in the June 16 *New Jersey Register* and the comment period for the amendments concludes **this Friday, August 15.**

The League will again submit comments. We ask that if your municipality submits comments on the amendments, please copy the League. It is anticipated that COAH will adopt its proposed amendments sometime in the

fall.

For more on these amendments, please see our Dear Mayor letter of May 7 or the COAH website at: <http://www.nj.gov/dca/coah/june08rules.shtml>

As you know, the League filed a legal challenge to the COAH regulations on July 15. To date, approximately 200 municipalities have made pledges towards the challenge. The Court has advised us that our brief of this matter must be filed by September 17. At this point, we do not know if the assumed passage of the amendments in the fall will have any impact on the filings.

For more on this matter, please see our Dear Mayor letter of July 17. Questions on this letter can be directed to Mike Cerra at mcerra@njslom.com or at (609) 695-3481 x120.

Very truly yours,

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